

WLOC Chair's report 2017-2018

It is a pleasure to chair our very active LOC.

It has been an extremely busy year for us all.

We celebrated the recommissioning of our three enhanced schemes – MECS, IOPRR and Cataracts pre-assessment. It is reassuring to know that with a slight encouragement we have been able to get more of you involved and sign up to these schemes. However it would be wonderful to have every optometrist working in Wolverhampton to be accredited to these enhanced schemes so that we can offer a better service to all our patients.

After having great success with our nationally recognised VR project with Mr Kam Balaggan, we have managed to do the same with the glaucoma project with Mr Shankar Chappiti this year, with the generous help from Santen Pharmaceuticals.

We still plan to hold another training evening in this regard so if you missed out and are keen to be involved let us know and we will try to oblige.

We are currently in the process of completing the audits for these two projects so hopefully we can share with you the benefits of these training projects.

This year we enjoyed our best seminar to date. There was great feedback from you all for the content and organisation. It is certainly reassuring when a plan comes together and your hard work is appreciated.

It has been a pleasure to welcome our dispensing optician colleagues to the committee this year and we hope to be able to get more interactions and engagements with them.

We have started our Facebook page and are slowly adding to it as we go along. Please like our Twitter and facebook pages and be as interactive as you can.

Looking ahead:

We hope to increase our portfolio to the WECS (Peter will explain more).

There is always background work taking place regarding referral refinement and feedback. More to follow this year regarding referral pathways.

Please let us have your thoughts and comments and remain as interactive as possible.

Don't forget to be compliant with GDPR!

Finally can I thank our officers Peter, Jill and Gurraj for all the endless hard work they put in to keeping our LOC active and well respected within our peer groups, and our committee members for all their very valuable input.

May I conclude by thanking all those who voted for me this year to be elected as a College council member. I hope to fulfil my duties to my best capabilities and represent you all in the best way I can.